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## Ready to Roll: a mobile double-fan adhesive binding press

*Describes a flexible adaptation of shared equipment in a production lab.*

The Collections Care department of the Harvard Library had a double-fan adhesive binding press that was challenging to use, due to its permanent mount on the back side of a table (figure 1).



This location presented consistent challenges of access, use, and communication. The staff person, with all necessary treatment accessories, had to navigate the counterweight of the board shear to access the space, which was within another staff person's bench area.

Staff removed the press from the table and remounted it on a book truck. The truck mount now allows the press to be stored anywhere when not in use (figure 2),



move easily around the lab, and provide its own storage (figure 3).



Lockable wheels and a large weight placed on the bottom shelf add stability. Staff quickly devised further improvements to both individual and cooperative use of the equipment, such as signage for sharing use, tips for use and cleaning, and use and storage of accessories.

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### Figures:

Figure 1: The table to which the double-fan adhesive press was formerly attached (photo by Lauren Telepak).

Figure 2: The truck-mounted press, stored while not in use (photo by Lauren Telepak).

Figure 3: The truck-mounted press, in use at a bench, with accessories stored on the lower shelf of the truck (photo by Lauren Telepak).